

Our Lady of Peace Parish

“Three Churches One Faith Community”

Bulletin Sunday Sept 08, 2024 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Churches & Mass Times



St. Anthony's Church

603 Union St.

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Saturdays at 4:00 PM

St. Patrick's Church

31 Main St.

Stanley, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 8:45 AM

St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 AM

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday Sept 10th 12:00 pm St. Theresa's
John LaPointe

Wednesday Sept 11th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Everett O'Neil

Thursday Sept 12th 12:00 PM St. Theresa's
Betty Miles

Friday Sept 13th 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
Birthday Wishes Barbara Luttrell

Saturday Sept 14th 4:00 PM St. Anthony's
Agnes LeBlanc

Sunday Sept 15th 8:45 AM St. Patrick's
Faye Gilmore

Sunday Sept 15th 11:00 AM St. Theresa's
Mass For The People

Upcoming Events

Parish Office will be closed on Mondays starting
June 3rd until Sept 17th

Please check your Church Bulletin Boards
For Posters of Upcoming Community
Events.

Reminder *CWL TWILIGHT RETREAT*
Monday September 9th
Everyone Welcome

Sacrament Preparation Registration
Closes September 18th

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

| September 1, 2024 | | Weekly | Contributions |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Offertory | 5,418 | Offertory | \$ 5,418 |
| Capital Infrastructure | 933 | Budget Needs | (5,255) |
| Diocesan Collections | 75 | Excess (Shortfall) | \$ 163 |
| Other | 60 | Year-to-Date | Contributions |
| Total Contributions | \$ 6,486 | Offertory | \$ 184,293 |
| | | Budget Needs | (183,925) |
| | | Excess (Shortfall) | \$ 368 |

Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all you do, THANK YOU!

Website & Social Media

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Keep up to date on all activities,
news and weather cancelations!



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Office Numbers

Fr. Maria's 444-6070

Patty Cameron 444-6018

Ministry Schedule September 14th & September 15th

St. Anthony's

St. Theresa's

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| Hospitality | Mona & Ray McCarthy | Michele McCann, Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Julie, Mark, Angelena & Lucas Daigle |
| Eucharistic Minister | Sue Inkster | Deborah Allen & Mary Fitzpatrick |
| Altar Servers | Kelly Bowlen | Joe Adimalor, Mathea Pahati, Briela Otadoy, Phil VanLeeuwen |
| Lector | Allison Wrynn | Reg Hayes & Deborah Allen |
| Sacristan | | Rochelle Ivey |

Our Lady of Peace Parish Adoration Schedule

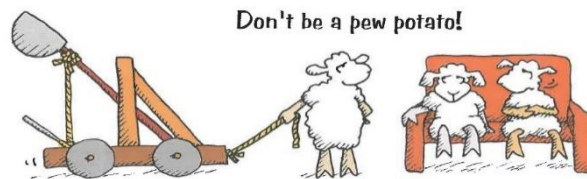
Thursdays at 11:30 am at St. Theresa's Church before 12:00 pm Mass *

Fridays at 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church before 10:00 am *

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. Theresa's Church (1 hour) * If Mass is cancelled so is Adoration.

Faith Formation Program Registration

REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPTEMBER 18TH



Join us for Family Faith Formation (Catechism – Sunday School) as we explore and learn about the Mass together ~ All families with children ages 5 to 12 (kindergarten to grade 7) are encouraged to participate in Family Faith Formation. Come and learn and share faith as a family at monthly sessions that are family-focused, inviting and accessible. Children in grade 2 will receive preparation to receive 1st Eucharist in the spring of 2025. To register to please visit <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/religious-formation-k-to-7>
Families attending St. Patrick's Church are invited to contact Patty Cameron for Family Faith Formation and 1st Eucharist Preparation options.

Confirmation Preparation ~ Youth in grade 8 and up, if not already Confirmed, are invited to begin Confirmation Preparation beginning this fall with the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated the spring of 2026. To register please visit <https://www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca/confirmation-preparation>

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Cameron at (506) 444-6018 or pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Please note that late registrations for Sacrament Preparation may result in children and youth not receiving Sacraments as scheduled by the parish.

Fraud Alert! ~ There have been reports that parishioners are receiving emails and text messages from people claiming to be Fr. Maria, other priests in the area or parish staff. These emails are not coming from legitimate email accounts or phone numbers. Some things to watch out for that may indicate a scam:

- Emails or text that say the person is in a meeting and can't call,
- Emails or text that ask for your help with a private/personal matter,
- Emails or text that ask for you to respond and asks for discretion.

Please do not respond to these messages or agree to purchase gift cards. If you are unsure if an email or text message is legitimate, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office before responding. There is no situation that can not wait until the office is open for verification.

Special Capital Fund Collection Appeal Envelopes are available to the back of the Churches for those who wish to donate to this fund. All donations will be included in your 2024 Tax Receipt. We thank you for your continued support.

“WHAT DO YOU SEEK?” - Adult Faith Formation coming this Fall!

We are all searching for answers to the most fundamental questions about life. Our Lady of Peace and St. Mary Magdalene parishes are uniting this fall to offer a weekly Adult Faith Formation program from September 25th to November 27th. Participants will explore the meaning of life as revealed through the lens of the Catholic Faith in an open, welcoming small-group atmosphere. For more information and to register, please contact Tracy Horsley at horsleysix@gmail.com (or call (506) 261-0713). Register early, as space is limited!



Hundreds of Resolutions

Over its history Catholic Women's League members have proposed hundreds of resolutions; some became laws, others serve as seeds for change – all serve to educate members. We invite you to discover more!

St. Theresa's CWL Twilight Retreat

St. Theresa's CWL invite all to their Twilight Retreat at St. Theresa's Church Hall on Sept 9th from 4:30 – 8:00pm. Come and take part in a Pot Luck Supper then enjoy our Facilitator Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation for the Diocese of Saint John. Everyone is welcome.



Family Prayer Night The Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to a special evening open to everyone on Friday September 20th at 5 pm in The Church Hall. It will be a pot-luck dinner, and it will be followed by prayers, a short family movie and small games. We hope to see you all! For more info contact Simon at davidsimondelisle@gmail.com

First Monthly Sunday Brunch The Knights of Columbus are starting their brunches every month, usually on the third Sunday of the Month. For September date is the 22nd at Noon, and will again be a Free will Offering. We hope you will take part in this reinstated tradition and join us for a meal and to socialize every month.

THANK YOU Thank you to all Parishioners who donated to Agnes Hayes over the last couple weeks. Agnes lost her battle to cancer and passed away on August the 31st. Total raised from our Parish totaled \$982.00. The family thank everyone for their donations and prayers.

Our Sacred Stories – “Be Open” – A Manual of Discipleship to Jesus

The Gospel writer, Mark provides us with a host of stories presenting Jesus as the teacher for those who are following him. In chapter 7:31-37, Mark describes Jesus moving through the Decapolis region. This is a Greek, Gentile area. We see Jesus encountering a man who is both deaf and unable to speak. He is in many ways closed off from his world. Jesus heals the man and opens the way for him to the world around him. This is a story of Jesus as the healer – the one who brings wholeness, completeness to the man and his world.

Mark's story is more than a miracle story. As always in the Gospels, the writer is presenting us with one of the many signs of the Kingdom that Jesus brings in word and in action. Every healing, every reconciling of relationships in the Gospels is a sign that Jesus brings the presence of God's Kingdom, God's dream into the world. Jesus is releasing the strength of God's loving Spirit, a gift of God to all. This gift of Spirit lives in all Creation. In Jesus, Creation is coming to that state of wholeness and fulfillment that has been God's dream from the very beginning.

The story in Mark leads us to a reflection of how as disciples or followers of Jesus, we bring his Spirit to life in our world. It is a little manual of discipleship for us. The steps of discipleship might be seen in the unfolding story of Jesus' encounter with the deaf and mute person.

Step 1: Jesus goes beyond his comfort zone. He takes a risk to reach to the Decapolis, a Greek and Gentile area, outside of his familiar space of synagogue and Jewish communities.

Step 2: Jesus encounters a crowd who are expecting a miracle, a wonder to astound them. But Jesus, respecting the man takes him apart, in private, to allow him to receive a cure from within.

Step 3: Jesus puts his fingers into the ears of the man, taking him further from the outside world and leading him inward to his heart. To do so is to respect the inward strength and dignity of the man himself.

Step 4: Jesus then spat and touched the man's tongue. He conveyed something of his own heart, his own Spirit to the heart of the man.

Step 5: Then, Jesus speaks in very simple terms: *Be opened.* “Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.” The man can hear and speak. He is no longer cut off from his world. He has received the gift of God's Spirit from Jesus and now lives in wholeness, a sign of God's reign in all its fullness.

What we see in Mark's account of Jesus is the story of every disciple who brings Jesus' Spirit into the world, respecting the other and conveying something of the Spirit within us to others. It is how each of us lives as a disciple and a sign of the presence of God's dream for our world. To follow this “little manual of discipleship” is to work at the call to bring healing, wholeness, reconciliation and peace to a wounded, fractured and divided world. God bless you and all disciples.

John Jennings

23rd Sun Ord Time

Dr. Michael W. Higgins is coming to Fredericton to launch his new Book, The Jesuit Disruptor: A Personal Portrait of Pope Francis, published by House of Anansi, and give a presentation on The Synod on Synodality. On Saturday, September 14th he will be at **Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton** from 10:30 am till 1:00 pm. This gathering will begin with a presentation on the Synod and Synodality (and Q and A) followed by the book launch and a social time with food and refreshments and book signing. Westminster Books will be present with books available.

Dr. Michael Higgins is well known to us as an author, English and Religious Studies Professor, former President and Vice Chancellor of St. Thomas University, journalist, documentarian, columnist with many prominent newspapers, commentator and analyst with CBC and CTV, and biographer of Henri J. M. Nouwen and Thomas Merton. He will be attending the next Synod gathering in Rome in October, as he did the first synod gathering as a credentialed journalist on behalf of Paulist Press. No registration or fee to attend! All are welcome

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church,

"And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping"

